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OREGON WEATHER

Fair; light southwesterly winds.

GERMAN POLITICS

For the benefits of readers who may be interested in German politics, here is a resume of the political parties now active in Germany, as compiled and explained by the London Times.

The Majority Socialists, headed by Ebert and Scheidemann.

The Independent Socialists, headed by Haase, Ledebour and Barth.

The Spartacus group, followers of Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg.

The German Democratic Party, represented by Stresemann, mainly National Liberals.

The German National People's Party, with von Kardoff, largely conservatives.

The National Democrats, consisting of bourgeois Republicans.

The Free-German People's party, a survival of the old Center Party.

Of all these parties the first named is now dominant. The Spartacides or Spartacans, though numerically small, have sought to rule by terrorism, and nearly succeeded so far as Berlin is concerned.

These two are moderately intelligible in their policies and leadership. The rest, even as described by the Times, seem to constitute a dim, chaotic shadow-land of politics, with subdivisions of membership and shades of opinion and influence that mean nothing to an outsider.

The Germans have always complained that Americans do not understand them. Assuredly we do not understand their political system, accustomed as we are to only two parties of definite antecedents and principles.

JOB STARS

Business institutions everywhere, during the war, have proudly displayed service stars to show the number of men they gave to the army and navy. The significance of those stars has largely passed with the passing of the emergency that called them.

The end, however, has not really come. It is not all over until all the boys who went away to fight have come back—all the living—and resumed their places in civilian life.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer springs a suggestion that deserves to find quick acceptance everywhere. It hangs out a flag bearing several stars, and under them the explanatory words, "Returned Soldiers Employed Here."

Surely, as the Post-Intelligencer says, it ought to be made "as much a matter of pride to give a soldier a job as to display the fact that an

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employe had gone to war." Why, then, not advertise the fact that the job has been given?

The Russians around Archangel hate white bread. They say they have eaten black bread for 50 years and dislike the change.

The French say they have a complete list of every piece of machinery or machine part stolen from them and from Belgium, and its present location in Germany.

Those "Boughten Buttons."

Writing of the poet Whittier, Mrs. James T. Fields says that "one of the poet's most entertaining reminiscences of his boyhood was the story of his first visit to Boston."

"One can easily imagine how this imagination must have glorified the natural expectations of a country boy, and when the time arrived, how the whole household lent itself to furthering so great an expedition."

Burning Balloons Don't Explode. A balloon when it commences to burn does not explode, as a great many people seem to think.

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Printing that pleases—We do it! Courier Job Department.

FRUITDALE

Mrs. G. I. Wardrip and mother Mrs. J. Hagen, spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. G. Roper.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Byington entertained Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker, Judge Gilette and son, Landa, at 6 o'clock dinner Monday.

We hear that Holt Wardrip, of Holtville, Cal., has had a second attack of the influenza.

Oliver McEwen came over from his mine Saturday and was the guest of J. H. Harris until Sunday.

Little Olive Hagen has the scarlet fever.

Preston Byington, son of F. L. Byington, who is in the 40th Division, expected to have been home January 1st, but his division was divided and he was among those left overseas.

We are pleased to hear that Gall Hamilton is able to walk around the ward and will soon be able to come home.

Robert Nelson has the scarlet fever. He is the third one of the children to take it.

The prospects are rapidly growing brighter for having water in the Grants Pass district ditch.

J. H. Harris and A. Bauer were dinner guests at the I. J. Hagen home Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Roper was in town one day last week the guest of Mrs. Bert Elliott and her mother, Mrs. Pat Slattery.

Mrs. J. Hagen, Prof. and Mrs. G. I. Wardrip and daughter, Rose Marie, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Jones Sunday.

Mr. Henton, who was here from Oakland, Cal., to bury his wife, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Byington.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carpenter, daughter Lavida, and Miss Genevieve Myers, of Grants Pass, were dinner guests at the Hamilton home Sunday and in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Parsons and Mr. DuPal, of California, called.

Little Irene Williams is recovering from an attack of pneumonia following the influenza, but the baby is still very low with it.

BOARD OF HEALTH GIVES DATA

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The city and state laboratories

have dispensed sufficient vaccine (Lloyd) for about 500,000 inoculations. Probably a considerable quantity of this was not used, or it may have been kept too long or too warm to be of much value when used.

Of the 94 physicians, 48 comment favorably on the use of the vaccine, especially in preventing the graver complications; some are quite enthusiastic and 46 make no comment.

The report from the Bremerton navy yard, using the same vaccine, is as follows: Number inoculated 4,212, of this number 144, contracted influenza, 112 of whom the onset began before the inoculation was completed.

It is not held that the vaccine is a positive prophylaxis against influenza, though there is considerable evidence pointing to its conferring a degree of immunity, but what is of more importance, is the apparent value in preventing its extreme severity.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS STATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed bids will be received by the State Highway Commission of the State of Oregon at Room 1301 Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon, at 11 o'clock a. m. on the 4th day of February, 1919, for the following projects:

Paving Pacific Highway in Josephine County, Grants Pass to Josephine-Jackson County line; 6 miles. Reinforced Concrete Viaduct over the Southern Pacific Railroad at Divide, approximately 164 cu. yds. reinforced concrete.

Grading Pacific Highway in Douglas County, Drain to a point one mile south of Yoncolla, approximately 47,500 cu. yds. excavation; 5.1 miles in length.

Grading Pacific Highway in Douglas County, Josephine-Douglas County line through Stage Road Pass, approximately 2 1/2 miles north to a point known as Jacques place, approximately 66,000 cu. yds. excavation.

No bid will be considered unless accompanied by cash, bidder's bond or certified check for an amount equal to five (5) per cent of the total amount bid.

A corporate surety bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum equal to one-half of the total amount bid. Proposal blanks and full information for bidders may be obtained at the office of the State Highway Engineer, Capitol Building, Salem.

Plans, specifications and form of contract may be inspected at the same place or may be obtained upon the deposit of \$5.00 for each set of plans and specifications. Plans and specifications are also on file at Room 1301 Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal deemed best for the State of Oregon.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, S. BENSON, Chairman. W. L. THOMPSON, Commissioner. R. A. BOOTH, Commissioner.

Attest: HERBERT NUNN, State Highway Engineer. Salem, Oregon, January 23, 1919.

Tangan-Tangan Weed.

The tangen-tangen weed or vine of the Philippines is the source of a valuable lubricating oil. Those interested in the wild-growth claim that 1,000,000 gallons of the oil can be produced in one year, while cultivation will greatly increase the output.

"Hot Dogs" Banned.

Because of their "unsightliness" on the principal street corners, "hot dog" stands in Macon, Ga., must go, according to the edict of the city council.

AT THE MOVIES

"Shoulder Arms"

"Shoulder Arms," the second Charlie Chaplin million-dollar picture, to be shown at the Joy Theatre Sunday and Monday, pictures his experiences and difficulties as an average American doughboy, from the time he enters the "rookie" squad until, as a finished produce of military training, he invades Hun-

land and captures the Imperial German staff with a method typically Yankee for novelty and surprise. His feet get him into countless troubles under the unsympathetic eye of his drill sergeant, and even after his advent into the front line trenches he finds new complexities in the management of a rifle and bayonet.

Following numerous experiences in his dugout he volunteers for a special spying mission. Camouflaged as a tree, he invades enemy territory. A Hun wood-chopping party attempts to add him, disguised as a tree stump, to its collection, with disastrous results. Charlie is finally captured in a shell-torn French house. He makes his escape by turning the tables on the Germans, and, accompanied by the French girls who befriends him, he seeks refuge in what proves to be the headquarters of the general staff.

The Kaiser, crown prince and von Hindenburg surprise him in an attack on a German officer, but Charlie saves the day for himself and the girl by wearing the uniform of his unconscious victim.

He rescues his drill sergeant, also captured by Huns, and together they conspire to escape. Their plan brings complete confusion to headquarters and shakes the German army to its foundation.

SENATE CONTINUES TO HOLD UP APPROPRIATION

Washington, Jan. 23.—Criticism of President Wilson and Food Administrator Hoover was continued today in the senate during the debate on the administration bill appropriating \$100,000,000 for food relief in Europe, and the senate again failed to reach a vote.

Without a record vote, the senate rejected the amendment by Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, republican, providing for distribution of the fund by a committee to be named by the president, subject to confirmation by the senate, and to be responsible to congress.

Describing Him.

"That feller is such a fool," commented the gaunt Missourian, "that I reckon likely when he was a baby his maw used to hold him by the ankles and tote him around with his head hanging down like a chicken."—Kansas City Star.

Perils of Literary Life.

The man who talks too much isn't half as apt to get into trouble as the fellow that writes too much, and somebody keeps the stuff that he wrote and digs it up against him.—Wilmington News.

Safe Betting.

About the only sure-thing bet in this world of chance is to place your money on the locomotive when it is racing an automobile to a crossing.—Indianapolis News.

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Saved by Their Horses.

An Australian Anzac writing home describes the sagacity of his horse: "It's wonderful how a horse knows danger in the firing line. During a recent push in Palestine my horse, for instance, understood exactly the difference between a shell coming over and one likely to land anywhere near our lines."

Too Busy Beavers.

The Canadian Pacific railway is experiencing difficulty at different places between White River and Cartier on account of beaver dams being erected and flooding its lands.

It seems to be the general opinion that the government should declare an open season for a year and give the Indians and settlers a chance to dispose of the surplus beaver and otter.

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